

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Karg.

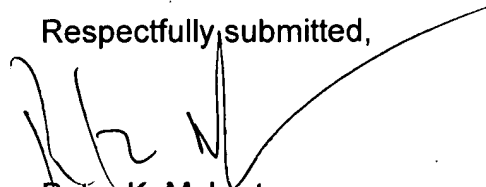
Claim 12 has been amended to include the limitation of the valve ring moving to the internal bottom surface on the application of a vacuum to the housing and moving to the internal top surface on the application of water and/or nitrogen to the housing. In the Karg reference cited by the examiner, the valve ring is held in place on the top surface by a spring 27 as shown in Figures 1 and 2. The limitations of amended claim 12 are not shown in the Karg reference and claims 12 and 13 are now allowable over the cited art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Drawings:

None